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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PLAYING A BETTING GAME INCLUDING
INCORPORATING SIDE BETTING WHICH
MAY BE SELECTED BY A GAME PLAYER

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent
and Trademark Office the following documents which are listed on
Patent Office Form PTO-1449 accompanying this Information
Disclosure Statement.

For the benefit of the Patent Office, copies of the
above-mentioned documents accompany this Statement.

It is submitted that the claims in the present
application as originally filed patentably distinguish over the
above-identified documents.

More particularly: The British Patent No. GB 1 202 691,
which corresponds to the German Patent No. DE 1 574 235 fails to
teach the ability of a player to preselect a number of consecutive
wins and the making of a side bet as well as the amount of the side
bet.

EPO Unexamined Published Application likewise fails to teach the ability of a player to make a side bet and to preselect the number of consecutive wins desired.

Applicant reserves the right to challenge any of the above-mentioned documents.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims as originally presented patentably distinguish over the above-identified documents.

The above-mentioned documents constitute the most relevant documents of which the undersigned is presently aware.


Early examination of this application on the merits and allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the notification date of the EPO Search by the European Patent Office and, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2)(e)(1) (See Certification Under 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2)(e)(1) accompanying this Statement), it is submitted that no fee is due.

If there are any fees due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0815.

Respectfully submitted,

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